

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—*Wm. Department of the Chief Signal Office, Washington, D. C., May 18, 1876—10:30 a. m.* In the Middle States falling and stationary barometer, winds mostly from southeast to southwest, slightly warmer, partly cloudy weather with light local rains.

INDEPENDENT MEETING.—The room in the third story of Harlow's building was about half filled with people last night, in pursuance of the call for an independent candidates' meeting. A large proportion of the crowd were negroes, and of the remainder a number were speculators, drawn thither by curiosity. No business was transacted until about half past 8 o'clock, when

Dr. J. B. Johnson took the stand and proceeded to praise the motives of the Independents in trying to carry out the legitimate results of the adoption of the amendments to the charter, the principal part of which, however, the speaker seemed to think, was the expulsion of all the present officers and the substitution of Independents for them. The Doctor then stated that the meeting was intended not as a mass meeting, but for consultation among the candidates.

Col. M. D. Ball next arose and addressed the crowd for some five or ten minutes. The chief portion of his time was taken up with personal attacks on different members of the Conservative Committee, whom he took up by name, and proceeded to abuse seriously. His remarks seemed to be highly appreciated by the crowd of negroes in the back of the hall, who responded with cries of "Go it, Mott," "Say it some more," &c.

Col. Ball was followed by G. W. Simms, who commenced by ridiculing the idea that the property-owners were particularly interested in municipal affairs, but after continuing in this strain for a few minutes, and informing those present that he was one of the people, and expressed the hope that after awhile he would be able to own a few brick houses himself.

M. B. Harlow then called for, and announced that he was a candidate for City Treasurer, and if elected would discharge the duties faithfully. He was a property-owner, and rejected the assertion that no property holders would take part in the Independent movement. He promised that the ticket prepared by them would be equal in intelligence and wealth to any that could be put forward by its opponents.

Calls were then made for Mr. George A. Mushback (who was present only as a spectator), but Mr. Harlow said that the candidates wanted to get to business, and requested all who were not candidates to retire, whereupon a large portion of the crowd left the room.

It was announced that a ratification meeting would be held on Monday night.

After the "outsiders" had retired, the candidates held a consultation with the Republicans present. The latter asked that the offices of Clerk of the Corporation, City Treasurer, and four of the policemen be left open for them, which request was agreed to.

A committee of three was appointed to name five persons from each ward to meet to-night at the Council chamber and decide who shall be presented as candidates to the Radical Convention which meets to-morrow.

The mass meeting of Independents announced to come off to-morrow night at Harmonie Hall was postponed, the whole ticket being left to be agreed upon by the Radical Convention to-morrow afternoon.

The names of those who wished to be candidates on the Independent-Radical ticket were then taken down by the secretary, and the meeting adjourned.

The following is the Independent ticket so far as agreed upon. The rest of the ticket will be determined to-night by the committee above mentioned:

Mayor—J. B. Johnson.
Auditor—F. L. Brockett.
Treasurer—M. B. Harlow.
City Sergeant—R. T. Lucas.
Commissioner of Revenue—Geo. Duffley.
Commissioner of Police—C. E. Stuart.
Commonwealth's Attorney—G. W. M. Simms.

Clerk of Northern District—Sam'l Gregg.
Clerk of Southern District—Wesley Avery.

Gauger—J. B. Lovjoy.
City Surveyor—John H. Sipple.
Weigher of Hay—F. M. Weadon.
Keeper of Town Clock—Richard Aton.
Harbor Master—Chas. E. Hott.
Lieutenant of Police—W. A. Hammerdinger.

THE ALEXANDRIA MIDDLE.—The Alexandria correspondent of the Baltimore Sun gives the following account of the middle to exist in this city: Alexandria seems to be rivaling Chicago in the number of its municipal improprieties. To the question: Has the city charter been legally amended? and what does the amendment mean? has now been added a third question, viz. who is the President of the Common Council? On Tuesday, the 16th inst., Geo. R. Shinn, the then President, resigned. High Latham received for that office six out of the eleven votes cast, the whole number of the board being sixteen. The chair decided that it required nine votes to elect, and thereupon Mr. Latham's election was orally made unanimous. Shortly afterwards this vote was declared invalid and another one taken, in which D. L. Shinn received nine, and was declared elected. He called a meeting by request last Saturday night, and at that meeting took the oath of office, Mr. Latham being during all this time absent in Norfolk.

Last night a meeting of the Council took place. Mr. Latham took the floor at the opening of the board and refused to recognize Mr. Shinn as chairman, and continued to speak through the call of the roll, the reading of the minutes and the call of committees. This duplicity of proceeding did not facilitate the transaction of business, and Mr. Shinn, the occupying President, remarked that his opposition was proceeding like a ruffian, and the chairman President replied that he did not intend to be proceeded over by a dog. Active business came to a stand still, and finally, just before eleven o'clock, Mr. Beckham was called to the chair, and the board proceeded to discuss a resolution declaring Mr. Shinn the President, providing which an adjournment took place until next Tuesday night.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—Rev. Mr. Lindsey, of Warrenton, preached at Christ church last night, and Rev. Messrs. Brooks and Gibbons this morning. Rev. Mr. Dashiell preached at Grace church last night. A meeting of the Diocesan Missionary Society was held at St. Paul's church at 8 o'clock last night, at which interesting addresses were delivered by R. v. Dr. Petekim, Dr. Hauckel and Mr. Suter. After the addresses a collection was taken up. At St. Paul's church, this morning, R. v. Dr. Watkins, of Epiphany church, Washington, preached, and in the same church to-night Rev. E. C. Murdaugh, of Fredericksburg, will preach. Rev. Dr. Petekim will preach the sermon at Grace church to-night, and Rev. Walter Williams, of Georgetown, at Christ church. At St. Paul's church, to-morrow morning, Rev. Dr. A. M. Randolph, of Emmanuel church, Baltimore, will preach. The usual service at 6:30 a. m. will be held in Christ church.

DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.—The meeting in Christ Church lecture room in reference to this object, and of which notice was given yesterday, was fully attended. Views were freely expressed on both sides regarding this important subject. Col. Harrison of Cumberland, read a memorial from his parish asking for a

division of the diocese, taking the James river as a dividing line. Mr. Johnson Barbour opposed any such division, but was answered by Messrs. Paul of Petersburg; Blackford and Moore, of Lynchburg, and several others. The chief reasons alleged for a division are the rareness of Episcopal visitations, arising from the extent of the diocese and the want of personal acquaintance with the Bishop. Though the meeting was but an informal one, little opposition was made to the proposal of a division. After a committee of seven had been appointed to consider the subject of a memorial to the Council the meeting adjourned.

PRIMARY ELECTION.—The primary election to-day has progressed quietly and steadily. There has been no disorder at any of the polls, except a small fight which took place in the 4th ward. The indications are that the vote will be a good one. At 6 o'clock this evening the vote stood as follows:

1st Ward.	218
2nd "	216
3rd "	350
4th "	164
Total.	948

STEAM CANAL BOAT.—The Washington Star says:

"The Ludlow Patton, the successful steam canal boat, owned by Mr. Henry Wagner, arrived this morning from Cumberland, making the trip in 98 hours. This was remarkable speed from the fact that the Patton towed all the way another steam canal boat, the F. L. Moore, owned by the same gentleman, which came here for her engine. Both boats were also loaded, the Patton having 120 tons coal and the Moore 110 tons.

The streets last night were crowded until a late hour by citizens engaged in discussing the political situation. The street corners particularly and the beer-rooms were the centres of attraction. Many drunken men were on the streets and there was considerable noise, but no serious trouble. The restaurants were thronged and beer and whiskey circulated freely.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

All of the candidates who spoke at the Independent meeting last night seemed to be troubled on two points, viz: the fear of being called Radicals, and the anxiety as to whether or not the colored men would sell their votes.

The Shenandoah Herald says: It is now said that Boliver Ward can whistle like a locomotive, and beat Frank Brooks knocking cows off the track. Mr. Ward runs a hand-car between Staunton and Strasburg.

A brakeman on the Virginia Midland Railroad, named Shrineman, had his foot badly mashed between two freight cars, on Tuesday last.

May flies, which are indigenous to this section of the country, and which are supposed to arise from fish offal, have begun to make their appearance in large numbers.

At a sale of stocks in Philadelphia last Tuesday \$10,000 (\$1,000 each) Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway Company, first mortgage, brought 70 per cent.

Among the patients used yesterday was one to Robert Rudd, of Alexandria, assignor of half interest to James E. Wadley, same place, for an improvement in safety valves.

No cases were at the Mayor's office this morning, and only four lodgers were at the station house last night.

A letter, addressed to Miss J. L. Catton, (Charleston, W. Va.), is detained in the post office here for want of postage.

Those who are fond of delicious ice cream, water ices and tropical fruits should go to Mr. M. Boscart's, on Fairfax street.

R. v. W. C. Webb will preach at the M. E. Church to-night at 8 o'clock.

If your skin is yellow, or if you are troubled with pimples and boils, cleanse your blood with Dr. Bull's Vegetable Pills.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.—By virtue of the decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax county, entered up at November term, 1875, in the suits of W. Lowell vs. M. J. Worster, et al.; Hirst and others, the undersigned, commissioners named in said decree, will, on MONDAY, the 15th day of May, 1876, Court day, at 1 o'clock p. m., in front of the door of the Court House of said county, sell to the highest bidder the following LOT, OF LAND, viz: Lot No. 1, containing 26 acres, 1 road and 30 poles; and lot No. 2, containing 11 acres, 2 roads and 28 poles; said two lots constituting lot No. 3 in the division of the real estate of the late Wm. Nelson and were purchased by Richard Hirst. This land has near Lutzky, in a thrifty neighborhood, and is of good quality.

Terms of Sale: So much cash in hand as will pay the costs of suit and expenses of sale, and the residue in three equal annual payments, to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with good personal security, and the title to be retained until the last payment is made.

F. L. SMITH, THOMAS MOORE, Comm'rs. of Sale.

The above sale is postponed until MONDAY, the 12th day of June, 1876, that being Court day, at the same time and place.

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TELEGRAPH NEWS.

From Washington.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18, 1876.—In the Senate, to-day, after the usual memorials and reports,

Mr. Morton introduced a resolution directing the committee appointed to investigate the Mississippi election to investigate, also, the recent killing of men near the Mississippi and Louisiana line.

Mr. M. read a dispatch on the subject from the Secretary of Gen. Kellogg, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Sherman introduced a bill authorizing the appointment of a Receiver of National Banks in certain cases, which was passed.

At one o'clock the Senate resolved itself into a Court of Impeachment, and the doors were closed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House of Representatives, to-day, a communication was read from Mr. Adams, Clerk of the House, asking an immediate investigation into certain charges made against him of selling places under him, and pronouncing said charges slanderous and without the slightest foundation.

After some discussion, as to the proper disposition of the resolution, it was referred to a special committee of five, with the understanding that no Democrat, from Kentucky, should be appointed upon it.

Mr. John Young Brown, who offered the resolution, spoke of Mr. Adams in the highest terms, and was very severe in his condemnation of the author of the slander, who, he said, was reported to be a member of the House.

The Chair made a lengthy ruling on a point of order, in reference to the report of the Printing Committee, after which that matter was taken up and an amendment adopted, putting out to contract the printing of the Record.

The report was then further discussed. The report was finally agreed to, and the House then took up the Canada Reciprocity Treaty, after which

Mr. Ward, of New York, spoke for an hour, when the House took a recess 'till 7 1/2 o'clock for general debate.

THE DOORKEEPER.

The Committee on Rules had a meeting, and had under consideration the case of Mr. Fitzhugh, but have come to no definite determination. It is difficult to obtain a quorum of the Committee, and hard to say what will be the conclusion.

PERSONAL.

Judge Joseph Chastain, of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, and Lieutenant Governor Henry W. Thomas were upon the floor of the House of Representatives to-day. Judge Thomas expresses himself in favor of the following ticket: For President—Hon. William Allen, of Ohio. For Vice President—Gen. Wildfield S. Hancock, of Pennsylvania. Gov. Thomas, however, frankly avows that he does not think there is the slightest chance for his ticket.

The Cleburne Explosion.

EVANSVILLE, May 18.—The steamer Pat Cleburne exploded her boilers at 11 o'clock last night, six miles below Shawmound, while having alongside the Arkansas Belle. The "Belle" was tied to the bank and disabled by a line of coal pits found to her starboard wheel, and could render no assistance. The Cleburne floated down about a mile and burned. Captain Fowler was lost. He was caught in the numbers and burned. Dick Partridge, express agent, was lost; Walter McElhenny, engineer, was blown into the river and badly hurt, but will recover; John McNamee, pilot, fell through to the boiler deck and was cut and scalded; Alex. Porter, second clerk, had his feet scalded and was cut, and Arthur Brown, freight clerk, had his hands and face scalded and head cut. All the cabin crew are supposed to be safe. Unback, a musician, could not extricate himself from the timbers and was burned; Albert Smith, a barber, had his hand scalded; Charles Cotton, second mate, is supposed to be lost; three passengers from the West were scalded, but not dangerously, and an unknown passenger was blown to the roof of the Belle and killed in the great confusion. The officers being all disabled, it cannot be learned what other passengers are lost. The Belle is badly wrecked, her chimneys blown overboard and staterooms shattered. She was on fire in many places. The first and second engineers are badly scalded. A passenger had his leg broken. Captain Howard was slightly hurt. Perhaps ten persons on the Belle were injured.

The Mustang Race.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The Mustang race at Fleetwood Park, started at 4 o'clock this morning. The first fifty miles were made in two hours and nineteen minutes. The first one hundred miles were completed in four hours and forty-one minutes. The terms of the race are: Three hundred and fifty miles to be covered in fifteen hours, with relays of horses, the stakes being \$25,000 that it can be done to \$15,000 that it can. The whole distance is to be covered by one rider. There must be a good day and good track. At this hour, however, an easterly storm has set in. The rider is a Mexican, the Californian at first selected having failed to come to time. There are thirty horses half wild on the ground. The rider uses no saddle, simply a Mexican bit and spurs with a leather strap around the horses.

The New Jersey Radicals want Blaine to be—not right; but President; so do those of Illinois, but those of Alabama are favorable to Blaine, and the Tennessee Radicals are divided between Blaine and Morton.

Willard McDaniel, the Senate page who was injured by falling from a balcony at the Capitol, last Tuesday, is in such a condition that it is probable his injuries will prove fatal.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The National Independent Convention at Indianapolis to-day adopted a platform demanding a repeal of the specie resumption act.

Ex-Governor Rufus B. Bullock was brought back to Atlanta, Georgia, to-day under restraints from the Governor, after an absence of five years.

The strike of the colliers in Derbyshire, Eng., is breaking up. A considerable number of the strikers have already resumed work at 10 to 12 per cent reduction in their wages.

At the General Conference of the M. E. Church in Baltimore to-day the address of the Irish Conference was presented, and a debate occurred on a report to consolidate church papers.

The Salomon affair is not yet over. Parties still parade the streets of Stamboul crying "Down with the Grand Vizier," and the excitement is so great that the dedication of the English library there has been postponed.

Earl Derby's reply to Secretary Fish's note regarding the Winslow case and the extradition treaty has been received at Washington. It maintains the position taken by the British Government and does not yield in the slightest to the views of the American Cabinet Minister.

Accounts from the Black Hills are of the most distressing character. The route between there and Custer City is strewn with dead men's bones, and those who attempt to come back to the settlements run the gauntlet of the savage Sioux, who are now on the war path with 3000 braves. The panic is so great that many of the towns on the route have been almost depopulated. Three expeditions of U. S. troops have just started out against the Indians and for the relief of the Black Hills, one of which Gen. Custer is the second in command.

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